

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371**

DATE:

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U.S. APPLICATION NO.

(if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5)

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/US04/030579INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
17/09/2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
17/09/2003

TITLE OF INVENTION

METHODS FOR FORMING A COATING LAYER HAVING SUBSTANTIALLY UNIFORM THICKNESS, AND DIE COATERS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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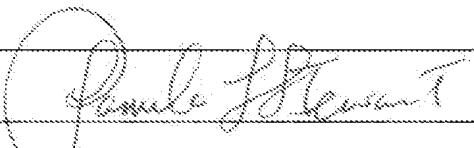
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4)
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371(c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company will follow.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter 2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825.
18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information:

U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR § 1.6):		INTERNATIONAL APPN. NO.: PCT/US04/030579		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 59031US003			
The following fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing:				Calculations	PTO Use Only		
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)).....\$300				300.00			
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0							
All other situations.....\$200				200.00			
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0							
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100							
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400				400.00			
All other situations.....\$500							
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23=				\$900.00			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Fee Calc	Number Filed	(Minus 25%) EFS Filing	Minus 100	Calc.Extra	Rate (for ea.add'l 50)	Fees	
Application Size Fee	29	Number in B multiplied by .75	delete 100 from C	Divide D by 50 (round up to nearest 50)	\$250.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(e)).						\$0.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED		EXTRA	RATE	Fees		
Total claims	33	- 20 =	13	x \$60.00	\$650.00		
Independent claims	8	- 3 =	5	x \$200.00	\$1,000.00		
Add'l fee for one or more multiple dependent claims					\$360.00	\$0.00	
						Total Amount Due	\$2,550.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.						\$0.00	
						SUBTOTAL =	\$2,550.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(f)).						\$0.00	
						TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$2,550.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.						\$0.00	
						TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$2,550.00
						Amount to be refunded:	
						Amount to be charged:	\$2,550.00
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3723 in the amount of \$2550.00 to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.</p>							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.							

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